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NORTH KOREAN INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL STATISTICS, 1946-1950

[Comment: This report consists of 33 statistical tables on industry and commerce in North Korea for the period 1946 through 1950. Tables 4, 9, 10, 13, 14, and 19 were taken from the 1950 Choson Chungang Yongam (1950 Korean Central Yearbook), published 20 February 1950 by the Choson Chungang T'ongsin-sa, P'yongyang. The other tables were taken from a copy, published 25 June 1953 by the Toho Shorin, Tokyo, of the 1953 Choson Chungang Yongam, published 15 November 1952 by the Choson Chungang T'ongsin - Sa, P'yongyang.]

Table 1. Major Industrial and Mining Production, January-June 1950
(1946 = 1)

Electric power	1.8	Ships	6.9
Electric bulbs	13.0	Fertilizer	3.0
Anthracite coal	3.5	Caustic soda	4.7
Bituminous coal	4.4	Carbide	4.5
Coke	950.0	Alcohol	138.0
Purite	4.4	Cement	6.2
Gold	11.0	Cotton goods	8.2
Silver	16.0	Silk goods	1.6
Copper	7.0	Paper	4.4
Lead	11.0	Starch	4.5
Zinc	3.3	Soybean oil	7.5
Pig iron	83.0	Raw silk	2.1
Crude steel	83.0	Hosiery	2.3
Special steel	20.0	Knitted goods	5.3
Machine tools	5.2		

Table 2. Major Mineral Production, 1947-1948

(1946 = 100)

	1947	1948
Pyrite	294.7	364.7
Gold	474.5	752.0
Copper	3(93).0	386.8
Lead	311.6	650.7

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Table 3. Major Mineral Production Plan, 1949-1950 (tons)

	1949	1950
Iron ore	400,000	820,000
Pyrite	288,000	310,000
Tungsten	2,250	2,900
Graphite	45,250	62,300
Bituminous coal	1,850,000	2,500,000
Anthracite coal	2,098,000	2,900,000

Table 4. Planned Reductions in Production Costs, 1949-1954 (%)
(1948 = 100)

Industry	1949	1950
Electrical	9.3	17.0
Fuel	8.4	19.0
Mineral	8.3	14.0
Metal	6.8	10.9
Machinery	20.5	25.6
Chemical	6.4	11.4
Building material	11.3	13.0
Light industry	13.7	18.7
Average reduction	9.3	18.3

Table 5. Metal Production Plan, 1949-1950 (tons)

	1949	1950
Pig iron	170,000	370,000
Steel ingots	173,000	249,000
Special steel	14,245	15,720
Steel bars	50,000	64,000
Steel wire	3,300	4,100
Steel plates	49,600	84,000
Rolled steel	1,450	2,200
Electrolytic copper	2,498	2,915
Electrolytic lead	9,046	12,405
Electrolytic zinc	7,600	19,450

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Table 6. Total Chemical Production, 1947-1949
(1946 = 100)

1947	142.6
1948	216.5
1949 (planned)	295.3

Table 7. Major Chemical Production, 1947-1948, 1950
(1946 = 100)

	1947	1948	1950 (Jan-Jun)
Fertilizer	195.2	237.3	300.0
Caustic soda	139.9	228.5	470.0
Carbide	217.0	292.0	450.0
Alcohol	--	--	13,800.0

Table 8. Major Chemical Production Plan, 1949-1950 (tons)

	1949	1950
Fertilizer	372,440	415,600
Caustic soda	13,300	22,000
Carbides	128,000	143,000
Soap	8,760	11,200
Electrodes	13,070	14,060

Table 9. Machinery Production Plan, 1949-1950 (tons)

	1949	1950
Iron castings	9,200	12,900
Steel castings	6,740	12,769
Machine products	9,420	15,600
Ships	10,900	14,850

Table 10. Production Plan for Electric Power and Electrical Supplies, 1949-1950

	Unit	1949	1950
Electric power	Kw-h	6,500,000,000	6,800,000,000
Alternators (6,000 kw)	Each	2	None
Electric motors	Each	975	2,547
Transformers	Each	1,380	4,150
Electric wire	Ton	695	1,125

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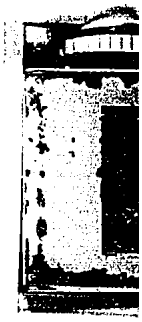

Table 11. Production Plan for Building Materials, 1949-1950 (tons)

	1949	1950
Cement	500,000	508,000
Plate glass	1,000	7,500
Fireproof brick	62,510	84,000

Table 12. Textile and Paper Production Plan, 1949-1950

Commodity	Unit	1949	1950
Cotton goods	Km	11,442	14,480
Rayon goods	Km	1,210	6,000
Silk goods	Km	2,538	2,337
Paper	Ton	19,600	23,750

Table 13. Production Plan for Local Industries* 1949-1950 (1,000 won)

	1949	1950
State enterprises	2,343,777	3,594,569
Production Cooperative Society	700,878	1,024,812
Private enterprises	2,419,003	2,506,675
Others	1,090,853	1,455,723
Total	6,554,511	8,581,779

[*Local industries are under provincial government control.]

Table 14. Production Plan for State-Operated Local Industries*, 1950

Commodity	Unit	Quantity
Rubber shoes	Pair	15,760,000
Work and canvas shoes	Pair	4,215,000
Pencils	Each	38,550,000
Work clothes	Suit	247,000
Students uniforms	Suit	270,000
Bricks	Each	45,500,000

[*Local industries are under provincial government control.]

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Table 15. Production of State-Operated Local Industries, 1948
(1947 = 100)

Soy sauce	244.7
Matches	107.8
Work clothes	5,627.5
Students uniforms	27,261.7
Writing tablets	229.1
Rubber shoes	100.0

Table 16. Production of State-Operated Local Industries,* 1949

	Unit	Quantity
Rubber shoes	Pair	9,762,500
Work and canvas shoes	Pair	2,125,000
Rayon goods	Km	150
Work clothes	Suit	137,000
Students uniforms	Suit	155,000
Writing tablets	Each	5,400,000
Pencils	Each	23,462,000

[* Local industries are under provincial government control.]

Table 17. Increase in Number of State-Operated Commercial Establishments, 1947-1949
(1946 = 1)

1947	104
1948	558
1949	810

Table 18. Value of Sales of State-Operated Stores, 1946-1949 (1,000 won)

Year	
1946	18,532
1947	1,858,175
1948	3,772,592
1949 (planned)	7,225,200

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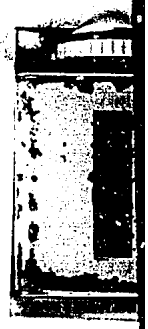

Table 19. Investment Plan for State-Operated Industries, 1949-1950 (1,000 won)

Industry	1949	1950
Electric	574,565	567,071
Fuel	424,877	512,670
Mineral	410,439	487,385
Metal	547,485	453,570
Machinery	419,000	688,000
Chemical	580,907	517,641
Building materials	124,975	79,550
Light	412,755	403,130
Total	3,495,003	3,709,017

Table 20. Value of Sales by Consumers' Unions, 1946-1949 (1,000 won)

1946	799,210
1947	5,870,843
1948	7,837,722
1949	9,216,180

Table 21. Number of Consumers' Union Stores, Restaurants, and Hotels, 1946-1949

	1946	1947	1948	1949
Stores	950	1,259	1,501	1,708
Restaurants and hotels	--	92	154	186

Table 22. Geographical Distribution of Consumers' Union Stores, June 1949

Cities	218
Rural districts	1,701

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Table 23. Number of Community Facilities* and Production Enterprises Operated by Consumers' Unions, 1946-1949

	1946	1947	1948	1949
Community facilities*	40	392	394	404
Production enterprises	11	78	115	113

[*Community facilities presumably refer to bathhouses, barber shops, etc.]

Table 24. Distribution of Consumers' Union Stores, Restaurants, and Hotels, by Province, December 1949

P'yongyang Special City	48
P'yongan-pukto	270
P'yongan-namdo	314
Hamgyong-pukto	243
Hamgyong-namdo	362
Kangwon-do	283
Hwanghae-do	346
Chagang-do	128

Table 25. Breakdown of Consumers' Union Commercial Establishments, December 1949

	City	Rural District	Total	Percent of Total
Department stores	13	None	13	0.7
General stores	162	1,410	1,572	78.8
Factory stores	None	123	123	6.2
Restaurants	42	202	244	12.2
Hotels	6	36	42	2.1
Total	223	1,771	1,994	100.0

Table 26. Number of Production Cooperatives*, 1948-1949

	1948	1949
No of cooperatives	274	583
No of products handled	44	64

* The first production cooperative was formed in September 1947.

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Table 27. Number and Membership of Fishery Cooperatives*

	1948 (Dec)	1950 (Jun) (1948=100)
Number of cooperatives	96	149.0
Members of cooperatives	6,000	145.1

* The first fishery cooperative was found in April 1948.

Table 28. Major Production of Private Industries, 1948-1949 (1947 = 100)

	1948	1949 (planned)
Rubber shoes	187.5	267.5
Rayon goods	286.4	134.9
Writing tablets	165.3	258.8

Table 29. Production Plan for Private Industries, 1948 (1947 = 100)

Paper	297.7
Electric bulbs	633.3
Soy sauce	145.7
Rubber shoes	164.5
Cotton goods	330.3
Farm implements	110.7

Table 30. Purchasing Plan of Cabinet Purchasing Bureau, 1949 (1948 = 100)

Tobacco leaves	179.1
Straw products	118.8
Pelts	12(8?).4
Wool	121.6
Silkworm seeds	123.5
Flax	166.4
Maple leaves	145.3
Castor beans	454.5
Flax seeds	144.6
Seeds of Schizandra Chinensis	379.2
Second-hand articles	125.9

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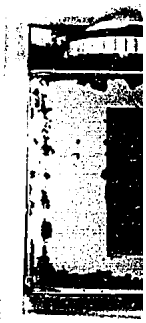

Table 31. Price Indexes in P'yongyang, 1948-1949
(1947 = 100)

	1948	1949 (Jun)
Grain	44.2	38.7
Cabbage	65.0	41.4
Cotton sheeting	69.1	66.7
Socks	88.9	46.9
Knitted goods	95.4	44.8
Rubber shoes	34.6	33.7

Table 32. Volume of Trade With the USSR, 1947-1950
(1946 = 100)

1947	204.0
1948	357.7
1949	459.8
1950 (planned)	937.5

Table 33. Volume of Imports From the USSR, 1949 (%)

Commodity	Percent
Coke, raw materials, machine tools, machinery, electric machines, farm implements, etc.	67.3
Consumer goods	28.2
Cultural materials (except books)	4.2
Cotton and woolen goods, etc.	0.3
Total	100.0

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